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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 7, 2002,
 please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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 --This application is related to U.S. patent no. 6,424,948, entitled Declarative Workflow System Supporting Side-Effects; U.S. patent no. 6,499,023, entitled Data Item Evaluation Based on the Combination of Multiple Factors; and U.S. patent application serial no. 09/253,674, entitled Dynamic Display of Data Item Evaluation; all of which were filed on February 19, 1999.--